

Many of the pieces embody a shrewd
and cultured worldly wisdom. Do not fight those
who are too strong for you. Will a wise man walk on
a stone overgrown with lichen? To speak to the
strong in defiance brings evil without delay.

Sarvajna has advice relating to conduct
In a court,
Do not feel playful in the King's
audience hall.
Engage not in blame of another though
humorous.

Trust no one completely. Do not speak
boastfully nor
stand up again and again nor blame all
and sundry
in the audience of the King. Of
uncongenial surroundings he makes some shrewd
observations.

Where men know one thing from another we may
somehow continue to live. Where the }^T say that the
elephant

Is a pig how can we stay? If the roof of
the house
cracks. If the paramour loses her teeth, if
the King lies,
leave the place without telling anyone,
Mari dwells
in a place in which, if you fall no one
touches you,
no woman cares for you and there is no
King to think
of you and protect you. Far better than
milk got
tinder obligation is gruel thin as water.
Rather than
eat warm food under disgrace It is
desirable to join
a company of beggars.

A man's enemies are within him.
Idleness Is the
mother of want. To the idle man there is
not even
gruel to drink. To him who does not
shirk work it
is like the jack tree bearing fruit even from

the root up.

Here is the philosophy of credit : at
the moment
of borrowing it is like the eating of rice in
milk; when
the creditor comes for the money It Is like
the break-
ing of a rib. And this Is the philosophy of
food: there
is no God greater than the God called
food; life itself